

CERTIFICATE  
 ESTABLISHING THE PROPOSED PLAN OF GOVERNMENT  
 FOR  
 BEAVERHEAD COUNTY

Upon approval of the majority of voters the government of Beaverhead County shall be organized under the following provisions of Section 47A-3-205 R.C.M. 1947.

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- (2) (a) (iii)
- (2) (b) (i)
- (2) (c) (i)
- (2) (d) (ii)
- (2) (e) (ii)
- (2) (f) (ii)
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- (3) (i) (vi)
- (3) (j) (vi)
- (3) (k) (vi)
- (4)

These sections establish the following form of government which shall be called the COMMISSION ALTERNATIVE form in this county.

(1) The commission alternative form consists of an elected commission and other elected officers as provided in this section. All Legislative, executive and administrative powers and duties of the local government not specifically reserved by law or ordinance to other elected officers shall reside in the commission. The commission shall appoint department heads and other employees other than those employees appointed by elected officials.

(2) The plan of government shall also include the following:

(a) The commission shall be nominated by districts in which candidates must reside and the districts shall be the same as those of the existing form of government as they may be on May 1, 1977.

(b) Local government elections shall be conducted on a partisan basis as provided in this title.

(c) The chairman of the commission shall be the presiding officer of the commission. All members of boards and committees shall be appointed by the chairman with the consent of the commission. The chairman shall be recognized as the head of the local government unit and may vote as other members of the commission. The

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chairman shall be elected by the members of the commission from their own number for a term established by the ordinance.

(d) The commission may appoint one or more administrative assistants to assist them in the supervision and operation of the local government.

(e) Commission members shall be elected for overlapping terms of office.

(f) The size of the commission shall be three (3) members, and community councils to advise commissioners may be authorized by ordinance.

(g) The term of office of the commissioners shall be six (6) years. Other elected officials shall serve four (4) year terms.

(3) The plan of government shall further define the structural characteristics of the form by including the following:

(a) A legal officer (called the county attorney) shall be elected.

(b) A law enforcement officer (called the "sheriff") shall be elected.

(c) A clerk and recorder shall be elected.

(d) A clerk of the district court shall be elected.

(e) A treasurer shall be elected.

(f) A surveyor shall not be included in this form as a separate office.

(g) A superintendent of schools shall be elected.

(h) An assessor shall be elected.

(i) A coroner shall not be included in this form as a separate office. The duties of the coroner shall be placed under the administration of the Sheriff's Office.

(j) A public administrator shall not be included in this form as a separate office.

(k) An auditor shall not be included in this form as a separate office.

(4) The plan of government shall have general government powers.

We, the Study Commissioners of Beaverhead County, do hereby certify that this is the Proposed Plan of Government approved by the Study Commissioners of Beaverhead County.

In testimony whereof, we set our hands.

Done at Dillon, Montana this 30 day of July, 1976.

SEAL

ATTEST:

Margaret Thompson  
CLERK AND RECORDER OF  
BEAVERHEAD COUNTY

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMISSIONERS